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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Ann Marie Schmidt, et al.  
U.S. Serial No.: 10/665,867 Examiner: G. Emch  
Filed : September 19, 2003 Art Unit: 1649  
For : EXTRACELLULAR NOVEL RAGE BINDING PROTEIN (EN-  
RAGE) AND USES THEREOF

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER'S DECISION  
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board from the decision of the Examiner mailed September 18, 2006 finally rejecting pending claim 17 in connection with the above-identified application. The required fee for filing a Notice of Appeal under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b) is \$250.00 for a small entity, and such status is applicable to this application. A check for this amount is enclosed. Applicants are concurrently filing a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, making this application pending today.

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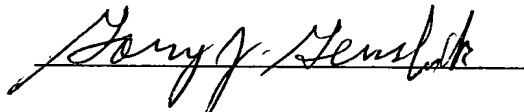
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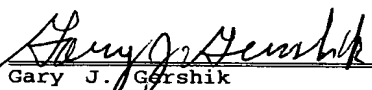
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